12 Steps of a Sponsor

- 1. I will not help you say and wallow in limbo.
- 2. I will help you to grow, to become more productive, by your own definition.
- 3. I will help you become more autonomous, more loving of yourself, more free to continue becoming the authority of your own living.
- 4. I cannot give you dreams or 'fix you up' simply because I cannot.
- 5. I cannot give you growth, or grow for you. You must grow yourself, by facing reality, grim as it is at times.
- 6. I cannot take away your loneliness or pain.
- 7. I cannot sense your world for you, evaluate your goals, or tell you what is best for you in your world; you have your own world.
- 8. I cannot convince you of the crucial choice of choosing the scary uncertainty of growing over the safe misery not to grow.
- 9. I want to be with you and know you as a rich and growing friend, yet I cannot get close to you when you choose not to grow.
- 10. When I begin to care for you out of pity, when I begin to lose trust in you, then I am toxic, bad and inhibiting for you, and you for me.
- 11. You must know- my help is conditional, I will be with you, hang in there with you, as long as I continue to get even the slightest hints that you are trying to grow.
- 12. If you can accept all this, then perhaps we can help each other to become what God meant us to be...mature adults, leaving childishness forever to little children.

As a Sponsor we are only there To listen, love and share Experience and hope.....